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Evan:

Attached is a nice letter  
from the Ambassador to Cyprus.  
He has been most cooperative;  
this seems to be one area in  
which we have no problems.

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Nicosia, Cyprus

October 18, 1985

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[redacted]  
Director  
Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
P. O. Box 264  
Washington, D.C. 20013

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Dear [redacted]

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Thank you for your letter of 1 October. I have been deferring a reply pending the visit of [redacted] They were here this morning and we had a good talk.

They gave me a full explanation of the decision to site the major satellite monitoring facility in West Europe, thus obviating the need for large antennas in Cyprus. That's fine with me, although we would have been prepared to seek approval for the facility here if need be.

As to the small dish proposed for Nicosia to monitor ARABSAT, I foresee no great difficulty in installing it at the new FBIS site. It would be my intention to notify the Cyprus Government informally at some stage, as you suggest. I think it might be a bit premature at this moment, but we will drop a word at the proper time.

We will be prepared to move out on the "INTERNET" project when the point is reached at which it comes off the drawing board for Cyprus. Here again, like you, I would not foresee any particular difficulty in obtaining whatever agreement might be necessary.

The Government of Cyprus has not returned to the charge when it comes to the amount of our honorarium. If they do so, we will ask them for a detailed explanation of the services they claim to be rendering. You are correct in anticipating that any proposals by us to raise the limits on the numbers of FBIS people, or to obtain any other benefits for FBIS from the Government of Cyprus, would probably trigger a renewal of their interest in the honorarium increase.

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In that connection [redacted] explained to me that the monitoring of ARABSAT could indeed lead to a need for more people. FBIS personnel requirements, especially for monitors, are much more quantifiable than most of the personnel requirements with which I have to deal, and if more people are needed for ARABSAT, I will not object.

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The visit of Messrs.  was most useful. I am sure they will be reporting to you themselves upon their return to Washington. I have asked them also to convey to you my personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Boehm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard W. Boehm  
Ambassador

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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE

P. O. Box 2604  
Washington, D. C. 20013

MHQ-5108  
1 October 1985

The Honorable Richard W. Boehm  
American Ambassador  
Nicosia, Cyprus

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

This is to bring you up to date on our thinking since my last letter of 25 February.

An extensive study of television broadcasting plans in West Europe was conducted by Ford Aerospace Company to help us determine the best possible site for the major satellite monitoring facility we are projecting. We have now reached the conclusion that such a site should be in West Europe itself, probably a NATO country, because of the conversion of West European broadcasters to "K" band television beaming. Thus the large antennas that we were originally thinking of installing in Cyprus--probably in conjunction with CYTA facilities--will instead be located in West Europe. This should make things a lot easier with regard to our Cyprus situation.

In lieu of the large satellite monitoring facility in Cyprus, we are now thinking of a small dish--probably 4.6 meters in diameter--which would be situated in conjunction with our new Nicosia operations building. This dish will monitor Arabsat--the Arab world satellite transmissions--with the signals being translated by our present Arab staff in Nicosia. You will recall that one of CYTA's concerns about FBIS establishing a monitoring dish on CYTA territory was the legal question of whether CYTA could allow monitoring of satellites on their territory without licensing agreements. I believe our decision solves this problem. A small dish on the FBIS grounds, as an annex of the embassy, makes the legal question moot. It's merely another FBIS antenna, on U.S. Government property.

As for "INTERNET," our projected wideband communications channel linking major bureaus with Washington, I don't see our Nicosia Bureau being on that system for quite a few years. If and when we want to be able to transmit over INTERNET from Cyprus, we could sign an agreement with CYTA. Inasmuch as telecommunications is the primary business of CYTA, there should not be any legal problems, nor complaints from the Government of Cyprus. [redacted] deputy director of FBIS, will be visiting Cyprus in the near future and can explain our "INTERNET" planning further.



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The Honorable Richard W. Boehm

25X1 It may be that you would want to notify the Cyprus Government informally that we will have a small dish antenna at the new FBIS site, stressing that it is simply an extension of our present antenna system. If you need further information on this I am certain [redacted] can help.

In the meantime, in regard to the Government of Cyprus' tentative probes about increasing the amount of the U.S. honorarium paid to Cyprus, I suggest we wait for them to propose something seriously. It is not totally clear to me what they mean by their view that FBIS is being given increased support. If we get around to negotiating an increased honorarium, I would think we will want to specify a list of new things, perhaps a higher limit on the number of people, local security support, or other things that might occur to you.

Thank you for your letter of 19 March. If I can help further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

25X1 [redacted]

Director

cc: Chief, Nicosia Bureau

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